

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 2 has been amended and Claim 24 canceled.

Double Patenting Rejections

In the Office Action, Claims 1-5, 9-11, 16-17, and 23-28 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 7,155,436.

In the Office Action, Claims 6-7, 12-14, and 18-20 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 7,155,436 in view of Armstrong et al. (US 6,985,934, hereafter Armstrong).

In the Office Action, Claims 8, 15, and 21 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 7,155,436 in view of Crow et al. (US 6,262,724, hereafter Crow).

The present application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent No. 7,155,436. Applicant herewith submits a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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